



## Carol J. Becker

July 12, 1944 - February 26, 2025

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Carol was born July 12, 1944, in Dalton, Nebraska to Trux and Evelyn (Grier) Routh. The family moved to Kearney in 1946, and she graduated from Kearney High school in 1962. Carol attended Nebraska Wesleyan and Kearney State College, where she graduated with a degree in Psychology.

Carol married Jerry Becker December 4, 1965, in Kearney. They lived in

Kearney and raised three boys serving as their Den Leader in Cub Scouts. During this time Carol made some of the best wedding cakes in Central Nebraska from her home. In 1991, Carol and Jerry became owners of Bill's Liquor until retiring in 2006. She liked being a "wine guru" helping customers make their selection when shopping for wine.

Carol and Jerry helped establish the Kearney Bluejay baseball program. She also enjoyed volunteering at the S.A.F.E. Center in Kearney, Faith United Methodist Church, and First United Methodist Church. She was a member of Eastern Star, Jobs Daughters, and P.E.O.

Carol is survived by her sons, John and Dawn Becker, Chuck and Doris Becker, Terry and Erin Becker all of Kearney; grandchildren, Meagan Becker, Jaiden Einspahr and husband Cameron, Zach Warnken, Megan Cowen, David Cowen, Faith Becker, Anthony Becker, Michaela Becker, Isaac Becker, Alexis Becker; great grandchildren, Skylar and Aiden Tompkins; brother, Bob Routh of Lincoln, NE; sister, Patti and Bill Brown of Lincoln, NE; sister in law, Barb and John Rhodes of Utica, NE; and brother in law, Glen and Cindy Becker of Harvard, NE.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband Jerry Becker, brothers, Jack, Don, and Rich Routh, sisters in law, Beverly Routh, Wallis Routh, brother in law, Don and wife Judy Becker, and niece Rebecca Herink.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl  
2421 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-2259  
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
4500 Linden Drive  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ From the staff at St. John's purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carol J. Becker.



From the staff at St. John's - March 05, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol J. Becker.



March 05, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol J. Becker.

March 05, 2025 at 10:24 AM



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol J. Becker.

March 04, 2025 at 11:06 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Carol J. Becker.



March 04, 2025 at 11:06 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy to your family. I remember what a wonderful cook and baker she was. She was talented.

**LaVonne Fries** - March 04, 2025 at 06:14 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss.

**Donna Jean Montgomery** - March 03, 2025 at 09:33 PM



“ Susan & Brian Tormey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol J. Becker.

**Susan & Brian Tormey** - March 03, 2025 at 08:27 PM

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“ Susan & Brian Tormey purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Carol J. Becker.



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Susan & Brian Tormey - March 03, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol J. Becker.

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March 03, 2025 at 04:46 PM



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MB

“ I will never forget when I saw her take some candy I would ask her where she got the candy from . She would look me dead in the face and say what candy I don't have any candy. Lol she was a wonderful woman. She always said you boys barley gave her time to pack for the lake . Because you were so excited to go .

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Misty Baker - March 02, 2025 at 01:33 PM

EB

“ Terry and Erin, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. My thoughts are with you. Elaine Batenhorst

Elaine V Batenhorst - March 01, 2025 at 03:33 PM

DB

“ My sincere deepest condolences to all of you! Debra Brandt and Darren Puls

Debra Brandt - February 28, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carol J. Becker.

February 28, 2025 at 09:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol J. Becker.



February 28, 2025 at 09:07 AM

BP

“ John, Dawn and family,

We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Jane Patterson - February 27, 2025 at 09:19 PM